DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Domestic Sugar Program—2022-Crop Overall Sugar Marketing Allotment, Cane Sugar and Beet Sugar Marketing Allotments and Company Allocations

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing this notice to increase the fiscal year (FY) 2022 overall sugar marketing allotment quantity (OAQ), State cane sugar allotments, and revise company allocations to sugar beet and sugar cane processors, which apply to all domestic beet and cane sugar marketed for human consumption in the United States from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Lanclos, telephone, (202) 720–0114; or e-mail, *kent.lanclos@usda.gov*. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 30, 2021, USDA announced the initial fiscal year 2022 OAQ, which was established at 10,370,000 short tons, raw value, (STRV) equal to 85 percent of the estimated quantity of sugar for domestic human consumption for the fiscal year of 12,200,000 STRV as forecast in the September 2021 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report. The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, requires that 54.35 percent of the OAQ be distributed among beet processors and 45.65 percent be distributed among the sugarcane States and cane processors.

Some beet processors anticipate that their FY 2022 beet sugar supplies will exceed their FY 2022 marketing allocation, a phenomenon known as "blocked stocks." Given the expected large amount of blocked beet sugar stocks and current high sugar prices, USDA is increasing the FY 2022 OAQ to 10,802,657 STRV. The revised beet sector allotment is 5,871,244 STRV (an increase of 235,149) and the revised cane sector allotment is 4,931,413 STRV (an increase of 197,508). The revised beet and cane sector allotments are distributed to individual processors according to formulas contained in the authorizing legislation for the Sugar Program¹, as shown in the Table below (see the column titled "Preliminary Adjusted Allocation").

FY 2022 Overall Beet/Cane Allotments and Allocations (short tons, raw values) **Increase in OAQ** Reassignments **Adjusted FY Amount** 2022 **Preliminary** Allocation as Initial of Allocation FY 2022 Adjusted Reassigned of December Distribution Allocation Allocation Increase Amount 2021 Beet Sugars..... 5,636,095 235,149 5,871,244 5,871,244 0 Cane Sugar 4,733,905 197,508 4,931,413 4,931,413 0 Total OAO..... 10,370,000 432,657 10,802,657 0 10,802,657 **Beet Processors Marketing Allocations:** Amalgamated Sugar Co... 1,206,731 50,347 1,257,078 30,761 1,287,839 American Crystal Sugar 2,072,759 2,159,239 2,072,759 86,480 -86,480 Co. Michigan Sugar Co..... 582,071 24,285 107,669 714,025 606,356 Minn-Dak Farmers Co-op. 407,752 472,332 391,421 16,331 64,580 So. Minn Beet Sugar Co-760,693 op..... 31,738 792,431 -77,422 715,009 575,228 551,388 Western Sugar Co..... 24,000 599,228 -47,840 Wyoming Sugar Co. LLC 47,192 1,969 49,161 8,732 57,893 5,636,095 235,149 5,871,244 5,871,244 Total Beet Sugar..... 0 State Cane Sugar Allotments: 2,544,366 106,156 2,650,522 2,650,522 Florida 0 Louisiana 1,968,353 82,124 2,050,477 2,050,477 0

¹The authority for the Sugar Program is in 7 U.S.C. 1359aa-1359jj, 7272, and 8110; and 15 U.S.C. 714b and 714c.

221,186	9,228	230,414	0	230,414
4,733,905	197,508	4,931,413	0	4,931,413
1,047,582	43,707	1,091,290	0	1,091,290
457,694	19,096	476,790	0	476,790
1,039,090	43,353	1,082,443	0	1082,443
2,544,366	106,156	2,650,522	0	2,650,522
1,366,493	57,013	1,423,506	0	1,423,506
601,860	25,111	626,971	0	626,971
1,968,353	82,124	2,050,477	0	2,050,477
221,186	9,228	230,414	0	230,414
	1,047,582 457,694 1,039,090 2,544,366 1,366,493 601,860 1,968,353	1,047,582 43,707 457,694 19,096 1,039,090 43,353 2,544,366 106,156 1,366,493 57,013 601,860 25,111 1,968,353 82,124	4,733,905 197,508 4,931,413 1,047,582 43,707 1,091,290 457,694 19,096 476,790 1,039,090 43,353 1,082,443 2,544,366 106,156 2,650,522 1,366,493 57,013 1,423,506 601,860 25,111 626,971 1,968,353 82,124 2,050,477	4,733,905 197,508 4,931,413 0 1,047,582 43,707 1,091,290 0 457,694 19,096 476,790 0 1,039,090 43,353 1,082,443 0 2,544,366 106,156 2,650,522 0 1,366,493 57,013 1,423,506 0 601,860 25,111 626,971 0 1,968,353 82,124 2,050,477 0

In accordance with section 359e of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, after evaluating each sugar beet processor's ability to market its full allocation after the OAQ increase, USDA is transferring allocations from beet sugar processors with surplus allocation to those with deficit allocation as shown in the Table above, in the column titled "Adjusted FY 2022 Allocations as of December 2021."

These actions will result in a transfer of 304,674 STRV of allocation to beet processors with a deficit allocation, an amount sufficient to allow them to market their entire FY 2022 beet sugar supply. USDA has determined that no reassignment of allotments among sugarcane States and allocations among cane processors is necessary at this time.

USDA will closely monitor stocks, consumption, imports and all sugar market and program variables on an ongoing basis and may make further program adjustments during FY 2022 if needed.

USDA Non-Discrimination Policy

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or

administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family or parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (for example, braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA TARGET Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TTY) or (844) 433-2774 (toll-free nationwide). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program

Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by mail to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or email: OAC@usda.gov.

Robert Ibarra,

Acting Executive Vice President,

Commodity Credit Corporation.

[FR Doc. 2021-27766 Filed: 12/21/2021 8:45 am; Publication Date: 12/22/2021]